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## MEMORIAL

OF SUNDRY PERSONS,

MASTER TAILORS, OF PHILADELPHIA,

PRAYING THAT

ADDITIONAL DUTY BE LAID ON READY MADE CLOTHING,

WHEN IMPORTED, &c.

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THE CONSTITUTION  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA

## ARTICLE I

SECTION 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

SECTION 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

SECTION 3. The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for a Term of six Years; and each Senator shall have the Qualifications requisite for Senators of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

SECTION 4. The House of Representatives shall be assembled at the City of New York, until such Meeting as they may make, and the Senate shall sit at the City of New York, until such Meeting as they may make, and thence they may from time to time move to such other Place within the United States as they may determine.

SECTION 5. The House of Representatives shall choose their Speaker and other Officers; and shall have the sole Power of Impeachment.

SECTION 6. The Senate shall have the sole Power to try all Impeachments, when sitting for that Purpose, and shall have the sole Power to confirm or reject all Appointments, made by the President, except Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the Supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States, whose Appointments are by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate.

SECTION 7. All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with Amendments as to the Form of such Bills.

SECTION 8. The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States.

SECTION 9. The Congress shall have Power to regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes; to establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization; to coin Money, to regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and to fix the Standard of Weights and Measures.

SECTION 10. No State shall enter into any Treaty, Alliance, or Confederation with any foreign Nation, or State, or enter into any Agreement or Compact with any foreign Nation, or State, or enter into any Agreement or Compact with any foreign Nation, or State, or enter into any Agreement or Compact with any foreign Nation, or State.

## MEMORIAL.

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*To the honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled;*

The memorial of the subscribers, Master Tailors, venders of ready made clothing, residing in the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania,

RESPECTFULLY REPRESENTS:

That, by the existing laws, your memorialists are protected, in common with their fellow-citizens, in their branch of business, by a duty on wearing apparel and manufactured clothing imported into the United States, corresponding with the duty on cotton and woollens imported in the piece, and have thus been enabled to compete with foreign mechanics, who, notwithstanding the duties, continue to send large quantities of manufactured clothing to the United States: But your memorialists have perceived, with concern, that by the proposed bill now before your honorable bodies, although an increase of duty is proposed to be levied on cotton and woollen goods imported in the piece, no increase is proposed of the duty on wearing apparel, or clothing ready made: thus enabling the importer of foreign manufactured clothing, to sell the same for a sum below the cost of the material in this country. Your memorialists apprehend, it will be only necessary to suggest this omission to your honorable bodies to obtain relief. They cannot suppose, that while protection is afforded to their fellow-mechanics of every other trade and profession, a premium will be offered to foreign tailors, by allowing them a deduction from the duties charged on the same goods when imported in the piece; the consequence of such a measure would be ruin to your memorialists, and deprive thousands of families now employed by them, of the only means of support. Your memorialists do not pretend to dictate the amount of duty to be levied, but respectfully ask that it may be increased in a corresponding ratio with the duty on cotton and woollen goods imported in the piece; and they will ever pray, &c.

